

California Assessment System 2011–12

Test	Type	Participants	Grade Level(s)	Content Tested
Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program	CSTs	CR SB MC PA All students unless their individualized education program indicates assessment with CAPA or CMA.	2–11	Grades 2–11 English-Language Arts • Mathematics Grades 4 and 7 Writing Grades 8–11 History-Social Science Grades 5, 8–11 Science
	CAPA	CR SB PA Students with significant cognitive disabilities who are unable to take the CSTs even with accommodations or modifications and whose individualized education program indicates assessment with CAPA.	2–11	Grades 2–11 English-Language Arts • Mathematics Grades 5, 8, 10 Science
	CMA	CR SB MC PA Students whose individualized education program indicates assessment with CMA. For a complete list of criteria, please go to: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/participcriteria.asp	3–11	Grades 3–11 English-Language Arts Grades 3-7 Mathematics Grades 7–11 Algebra I • Geometry Grades 4 and 7 Writing Grades 5, 8, 10 Science
	STS	CR SB MC Spanish-speaking English learners who either receive instruction in their primary language or have been enrolled in a school in the United States less than 12 months.	2–11	Reading/Language Arts • Mathematics
	EAP	SB MC PA Voluntary.	11	Augmentations to CSTs in: English-Language Arts • Algebra II Summative High School Mathematics
CELDT	CR SB MC PA All newly enrolled students whose primary language is not English must take the test within 30 calendar days after they are enrolled in a California public school for the first time. The CELDT also must be given once each year to English learners until they are reclassified.	K–12	Grades K–12 Listening • Speaking • Reading • Writing	
CAHSEE	CR SB MC PA All grade 10 students. Students in grades 11 and 12 and adult students who have not previously passed. Students with disabilities may be exempt from meeting the CAHSEE requirement as a condition of graduation or receiving a diploma.	10–12 Adult students	English-Language Arts • Mathematics	
PFT	CR PA All students.	5, 7, 9	Aerobic Capacity • Body Composition Abdominal Strength and Endurance Trunk Extensor Strength and Flexibility Upper Body Strength and Endurance • Flexibility	
CHSPE	CR MC PA Voluntary. Ages 16 and up or completed grade 10.	–	Reading • Language • Mathematics	
GED	CR MC PA Voluntary. Age 18. Age 17 if eligible.	–	Reading • Writing • Mathematics Science • Social Science	
NAEP	CR MC A sample of grade and age eligible students in selected schools.	Grades 4, 8, 12 Ages 9, 13, 17	Reading • Mathematics • Economics	

Note: Results include individual, school, district, county, and state except for EAP—individual only, NAEP—national and state only, CHSPE—individual, school, and district only, and GED—individual only.

Legend:

STAR - Standardized Testing and Reporting Program
CSTs - California Standards Tests
CAPA - California Alternate Performance Assessment
CMA - California Modified Assessment
STS - Standards-based Tests in Spanish
EAP - Early Assessment Program

CELDT - California English Language Development Test
CAHSEE - California High School Exit Examination
PFT - Physical Fitness Test
CHSPE - California High School Proficiency Exam
GED - General Educational Development
NAEP - National Assessment of Educational Progress

SB - Standards-based
CR - Criterion-referenced
MC - Multiple choice
PA - Performance assessment